



**Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Alaska Workforce Investment Board**

**Executive Director's Report
November 6, 2009**

The October AWIB meeting was held at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks on October 26th and 27th. The agenda included an update on the development of a healthcare workforce development plan, statewide CTE plan, Alaska Tech Prep, the AGIA Strategic Training Plan, and registered apprenticeship. The board received briefings from the Employment Security Division, the Division of Business Partnerships, Research and Analysis, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, AVTEC, the workforce development budget, and legislative issues. Time was allocated on the agenda for AWIB discussion items, an AWIB process session, and committee meetings and reports. The dates and location of the next AWIB meeting were approved for February 22nd and 23rd in Juneau. The board meeting dates of May 3rd and 4th and October 25th and 26th were confirmed for 2010, with the location of the meetings to be determined by the Executive Committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

An election of officers was held with Jim Lynch re-elected as Chair and Michelle Zenger elected as Vice-Chair of the AWIB. I would like to congratulate both on their election as officers of the AWIB. As the Vice-Chair, Ms. Zenger will be added to the Executive Committee. Nominations were opened for the secondary and postsecondary vocational training instructor/administrator of the year awards through January 15, 2010. An update on the State Energy Sector Partnership and Training Grant submitted on behalf of the AWIB to the U.S. Department of Labor was provided, and we hope to hear some favorable news within the next few months. Staff is working on minutes and action items from the meeting for review at the next regularly scheduled Executive Committee meeting.

The AWIB received an update on the STEP regulation project, received input from the STEP Task Force, and an overview of the regulatory process from Erin Pohland, Assistant Attorney General from the Department of Law. The intent is to have an updated draft of the STEP regulations for review at the February meeting in Juneau seeking board approval.

An AGIA Steering Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, October 28th at the Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center. The meeting included presentations from Commissioner Bishop regarding Training for the Gas Pipeline, an update from Denali on their gas pipeline project efforts, an update on the AGIA implementation schedule and action to date for the four strategies contained in the AGIA Training Strategic Plan, a budget and expenditure update from Guy Bell, and a tour of the Fairbanks Pipeline

Training Center. The next AGIA Steering Committee is proposed for February 24, 2010 in Juneau.

Committees

- The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, at 10:00 a.m.
- The next Workforce Readiness and Employment Placement Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 12th at 3:00 p.m.
- The next Policy and Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th at 10:00 a.m.
- The next Assessment and Evaluation Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th at 3:00 p.m.
- The next Youth Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2nd at 10:00 a.m.

Important Dates

- The AWIB Annual Report to the Legislature is due February 19, 2010.
- The next AWIB meeting is scheduled for February 22nd and 23rd, 2010 in Juneau.
- Public Official Financial Disclosure Forms are due to APOC on March 15, 2010.
- The May AWIB meeting date has been set for May 3rd and 4th, 2010.
- The Alaska Strategic State Plan for Title 1 of WIA and the Wagner-Peyser Act is due to the U.S. Department of Labor on June 30, 2010.
- The WIA Annual Report is due to the U.S. Department of Labor October 1, 2010.
- The October AWIB meeting date has been set for October 25th and 26th, 2010.